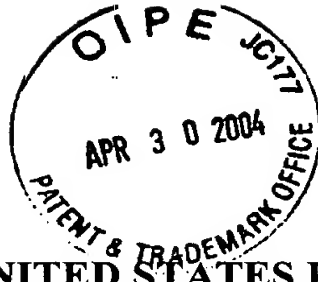


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"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
GROUP 1761"

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Masahide SATO, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/763,864

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EXAMINER: C. E. Sherrer

FOR: METHOD OF MAKING FERMENTATION PRODUCT

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:


It is hereby requested that a **one** month extension of time be granted to April 30, 2004 for

- ☒ filing a response to the Official Action dated: December 31, 2003
- ☐ responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
- ☐ filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.
- ☐ responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:
- ☐ filing a Notice of Appeal. A timely response to the final rejection, due has been filed.
- ☐ filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.

The required fee of \$110.00 is enclosed herewith by check and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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